

# Discussion Summary

Central Northeast Council of Neighborhood Associations

March 2, 2006

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Atwater Neighborhood City Hall

## Attendance

CNAC Members: James Arbertha, Mike Barushok, Tom Fox, Kim Hamlin, James Thompson, Isabelle Elder, Ramona Simms-Henry

Staff: Dave Barber, Scott Wadle, Virdena Gilkey

Other: Dr. Glen Day, Evelyn Tisdale, Lisa Thomas, Willie Burton, Niel J. Brown

Presenters: Carrie Jones-Williams, Mohan Kambampati

## New Business

The CNAC meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. The idea of community policing was discussed. Mr. Arbertha brought up concerns about gangs and gang activities. Mike Barushok explained how calling 911 about any activity causing concerns was encouraged by the police department.

Mr. Arbertha brought attention to the fact that some members had not attended any meetings, and raised the question of attendance and the 2/3 vote rule in the by-laws. It was decided that a rule should be made to discount members who miss 50% of the meetings.

The CNAC members want to form sub-committees for the priority/initiative projects.

Carrie Jones-Williams, Director of Family Services, gave a presentation about the Family Services Institute and their role of employing children ages 14-18 through the "Summer Youth Earn to Learn Program" from June - August. The program is funded by CDG. The children are employed by government or non profit organizations. Two hundred fifty applications are accepted during spring break. The program provides educational sessions about budgeting and responsibility. Typical hours worked are 15-30 per week. Pay is \$5.15 per hour.

Mohan Kambampati, of the Wichita Indochinese Center provided an introduction about the services provided by the center, including the English and life skills classes for refugees. Mr. Kambampati presented information about their summer youth employment program and how the program operates. Other organizations utilizing this program include the Boys and Girls Club, La Familia and the Indian Center.

After a brief discussion, it was decided that a representative from the WSU Self Help Network would be invited to the next meeting to speak about the ex-offender program. Representatives of the Wichita Police Department will also be invited to attend.

## Next Meeting

**Thursday, April 6, 2006 at the Atwater Neighborhood City Hall at 6:30 p.m.**